

## Surah 71 Surah Nooh ﷻ

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#### THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH NOOH AND THE PRECEDING SURAHS

The series of Surahs from *Surah Mulk* to *Surah Jinn* are like one *Surah* because they have almost the same subject matter. *Surah Mulk* established the belief that none but Allaah should be regarded as the source of all blessings. Thereafter, *Surah Qalam* emphasized that no compromises should be made with regard to this belief. Next *Surah Haaqa*, gives grave warnings of a terrible punishment for those who reject this belief. At the same time, it also conveyed glad tidings to those who believed in *Towheed*.

*Surah Haaqa* is followed by *Surah Ma'aarij*, which condemns the Mushrikeen for their foolishness in asking for Allaah's punishment instead of heeding the warnings. *Surah Nooh* and *Surah Jinn* provide further proofs to substantiate the belief. *Surah Nooh* contains a detailed proof from the life and teachings of Nooh ﷻ.

#### A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

*Surah Nooh* contains the following:

- \* Nooh ﷻ preaches to his people, but they reject his message and behave haughtily.
- \* An example is given about how the Kuffaar were destroyed.
- \* Logical proofs contained in Nooh ﷻ's preaching are given.
- \* The essence of the Surah is that there should be no compromise in promoting *Towheed*. It must be preached with tolerance and determination despite the obstacles that the Kuffaar may place.

سُورَةُ نُوحٍ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَهِيَ ثَمَانِ عَشْرُ آيَاتٍ وَفِيهَا ثَلَاثُونَ آيَةً

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate the Most Merciful

إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ أَنْ أَنْذِرْ قَوْمَكَ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ①

1. Verily We sent Nooh (عليه السلام) (as a Nabi) to his nation instructing him, “Warn your people (against committing Shirk) before a painful punishment afflicts them.”

قَالَ يَقُومُوا لِي لَكُمْ نَذِيرٌ مُبِينٌ ②

2. He (Nooh (عليه السلام)) said, “O my people! Indeed I am a clear (definite) warner to you.”

إِنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاتَّقُوهُ وَأَطِيعُوا ③

3. “Worship Allaah, fear Him and obey me (in belief and action).”

يَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ مِنْ ذُنُوبِكُمْ وَيُخْرِجَكُمْ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى إِنَّ أَجَلَ اللَّهِ إِذَا جَاءَ لَا يُؤَخَّرُ لَوْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ④

4. “Allaah will then forgive your sins and grant you respite (will not punish you and will allow you to live) until a specified period (the time when your death is destined). Verily, when Allaah's specified period (the time of your death) arrives, it is not delayed. If only you knew (the truth of this, you would accept immediately).”

قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُ قَوْمِي لَيْلًا وَنَهَارًا ⑤

5. (However, besides a few people, the rest of his nation rejected his message despite his tireless efforts. When he grew frustrated after 950 years of preaching to them,) He said, “O my Rabb! Indeed I called my people (to Towheed) day and night.”

فَلَمْ يَزِدْهُمْ دُعَائِي إِلَّا فِرَارًا ⑥

6. “However, my calling only made them run further away.”

وَإِنِّي كَلَّمَا دَعَوْتُهُمْ لِيُغْفِرَ لَهُمْ جَعَلُوا أَصَابِعَهُمْ فِي آذَانِهِمْ وَاسْتَغْشَوْا ثِيَابَهُمْ وَأَصْرُوا  
وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا اسْتِكْبَارًا ۝٧

7. “Whenever I called them so that You may forgive them, they *(rejected my message to such an extent that they actually)* placed their fingers in their ears *(not to hear me)*, covered themselves with their shawls *(so not even to see me)*, remained implacable *(persisted in arrogance)* and expressed great pride.”

ثُمَّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُهُمْ جَهَرًا ۝٨

8. “I then called to them publicly *(in a gathering)*...”

ثُمَّ إِنِّي أَعْلَنْتُ لَهُمْ وَأَسْرَرْتُ لَهُمْ إِسْرَارًا ۝٩

9. “...and explained *(the Deen)* to them openly and privately *(to individuals)*.”

فَقُلْتُ اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا ۝١٠

10. “I said to them, 'Seek forgiveness from your Rabb *(for your kufr by accepting Imaan)*. Indeed He is Most Forgiving.”

يُرْسِلُ السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِدْرَارًا ۝١١

11. “*(If you do this,)* He will send *(much-needed)* rain to you in torrents...”

وَيُمِدُّكُمْ بِأَمْوَالٍ وَبَنِينَ وَيَجْعَلُ لَكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ وَيَجْعَلُ لَكُمْ أَنْهَارًا ۝١٢

12. “...increase your wealth, your sons and make orchards and rivers for you. *(He will cause you to prosper even in this world.)*”

مَا لَكُمْ لَا تَرْجُونَ لِلَّهِ وَقَارًا ۝١٣

13. “What is the matter with you that you are not convinced of Allaah's majesty *(greatness)*...”

وَقَدْ خَلَقَكُمْ أَطْوَارًا ۝١٤

14. “...when He has created you in so many phases?” *(He created the food from which blood is formed, then the semen from the blood, then the foetus from the semen, then the many stages of foetal development before the birth of a child.)*

الَمْ تَرَوْا كَيْفَ خَلَقَ اللَّهُ سَبْعَ سَمَوَاتٍ طِبَاقًا ۝١٥

15. "Have you not seen how Allaah has created the seven skies in layers..."

وَجَعَلَ الْقَمَرَ فِيهِنَّ نُورًا وَجَعَلَ الشَّمْسَ سِرَاجًا ۝١٦

16. "...has made the moon a celestial light in them (in the skies) and the sun a (bright) lamp (from which you derive immense benefit) ?"

وَاللَّهُ أَنْبَتَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ نَبَاتًا ۝١٧

17. "Allaah has created you (your father Adam) from the earth in a unique manner."

ثُمَّ يُعِيدُكُمْ فِيهَا وَيُخْرِجُكُمْ إِخْرَاجًا ۝١٨

18. "He will then return you to the earth and then remove you from it in a unique manner (when you are resurrected on the Day of Qiyaamah)."

وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ الْأَرْضَ سَاطِعًا ۝١٩

19. "And Allaah has spent out the earth for you..."

لِتَسْلُكُوا مِنْهَا سُبُلًا فِجَاجًا ۝٢٠

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20. "...so that you may travel on its wide roads." (Allaah has created all these bounties for man so that he recognises Allaah through them and expresses gratitude for them by worshipping only Him Alone.)

قَالَ نُوحٌ رَبِّ إِنَّهُمْ عَصَوْنِي وَاتَّبَعُوا مَنْ لَمْ يَزِدْهُ مَالَهُ وَوَلَدَهُ إِلَّا خَسَارًا ۝٢١

21. (After 950 years of extensive preaching,) Nooh عليه السلام said, "O my Rabb! They have refused to obey me and have followed people whose wealth and children have only increased their loss (by causing them to fall deeper into kufr and sin by not listening to my guidance became their pride and arrogance)"

وَمَكْرُوا مَكْرًا كَبِيرًا ۝٢٢

22. "(In addition to this,) They have devised mighty plots (to oppose the true Deen by not listening to my guidance)."

وَقَالُوا لَا تَذَرُنَّ آلِهَتَكُمْ وَلَا تَذَرُنَّ وَدًّا وَلَا سُوَاعًا وَلَا يَغُوثَ وَيَعُوقَ وَنَسْرًا ۝٢٣

23. "They say (to others), 'Never forsake your gods! Do not forsake Wadd, Suwa, Yaghooth, Ya'ooq and Nasr!'" (These were names of their idols.)

وَقَدْ أَضَلُّوا كَثِيرًا وَلَا تَزِدِ الظَّالِمِينَ إِلَّا ضَلَالًا ﴿٢٣﴾

24. " (By doing this,) They have certainly led many (people) astray. Do increase the deviation (sinful ways) of the oppressors (so that they become deserving of more punishment)."

مِمَّا خَطِيئَتُهُمْ أُعْرِضُوا فَأَدْخَلُونَا ۚ فَلَمْ يَجِدُوا لَهُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَنْصَارًا ﴿٢٤﴾

25. (Eventually) Because of their sins they were drowned (in a great flood) and made to enter the Fire (in their graves as well as in the Aakhirah). (Although they had many gods, great wealth and many children,) They found none to assist them against (the punishment of) Allaah.

وَقَالَ نُوحٌ رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْنِي عَلَى الْأَرْضِ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ دَيَّارًا ﴿٢٥﴾

26. Nooh عليه السلام said, "O my Rabb! Do not leave even one of the Kaafiroon (alive) on earth."

إِنَّكَ إِن تَذَرَهُمْ يُضِلُّوا عِبَادَكَ وَلَا يَلِدُوا إِلَّا أَفْجَارًا كُفَّارًا ﴿٢٦﴾

27. "Surely if You leave them (to live on earth) they will mislead Your (Mu'mineen) bondsmen and only sinners and Kuffaar will be born to them (thereby causing more kufr and sin to reign on earth)."

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِمَنْ دَخَلَ بَيْتِيَ مُؤْمِنًا وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ۖ وَلَا تَزِدِ الظَّالِمِينَ إِلَّا تَبَارًا ۚ ﴿٢٧﴾

28. "O my Rabb! Forgive me, my parents, whoever enters my home as a Mu'min and all the Mu'mineen and Mu'minaat. (As for the Kuffaar, I pray that you) Increase the oppressors (the Kuffaar) only in destruction! (Do not let any of them survive.)